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SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report, 2003-2004 Season
(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

DATE: December 30, 2003

Missouri is reporting “widespread influenza activity” to the CDC for Week 52. (Influenza activity codes are reported to CDC each Monday.) To view weekly maps click [here](#).

Reported Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Sub-type						
For the Week Ending December 27, 2003 (Week 52)						
Serogroups	A (non-typed)	A (H3N2)	A (H1N1)	B	A or B Untyped (rapid test)	Total
Week 52	520	14	0	0	422	956
Season-to-Date*	4,142	78	0	95	5,070	9,385

*The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 4, 2003) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 15, 2004).

Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness								
For the Week Ending December 27, 2003 (Week 52)								
Health District	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Season -to- Date 03-04	Season -to - Date 02-03	Last Year Season Total 02-03
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	205
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	3
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season-to-Date	9	1	5	3	5	23	4	212

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Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths			
For the Week Ending December 20, 2003 (Week 51)*			
Week 51	Season-to-Date	Week 51 Last Season	10 Year Weekly Median
80	814	22	30*

***Beginning in week 35 of 2003, the number of P&I deaths may show increases based on a new system of retrieval that now includes all contributing causes of death from death certificates.**

*** Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.**

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN)						
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for the Week Ending December 20, 2003 (Week 51)						
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI
99	132	82	18	331	2,729	12.12%*

*** This percentage is above the national baseline of 2.5%.**

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing							
For the Week Ending December 27, 2003 (Week 52)							
	Positive Specimens						Total Number Specimens Submitted
	Influenza	Para-influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno-virus	Rhino-virus	Entero-virus	
Week 52	15	0	0	0	0	0	10
Season-to-Date	95	2	1	2	0	2	197

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). DHSS has received results on eight influenza isolates submitted to CDC for antigenic characterization, of which:

One has a B/Sichuan/379/99-like antigenic profile. While this strain is different from the influenza B strain included in the 2003-04 influenza vaccine, it has enough similarities that the vaccine strain may help lessen the severity and duration of influenza illness, and is better than not being vaccinated at all.

Five have an A/Panama/2007/99-like (H3N2) antigenic profile and are antigenically similar to the A/Panama/2007/99-like (H3N2) strain contained in the 2003-04 vaccine.

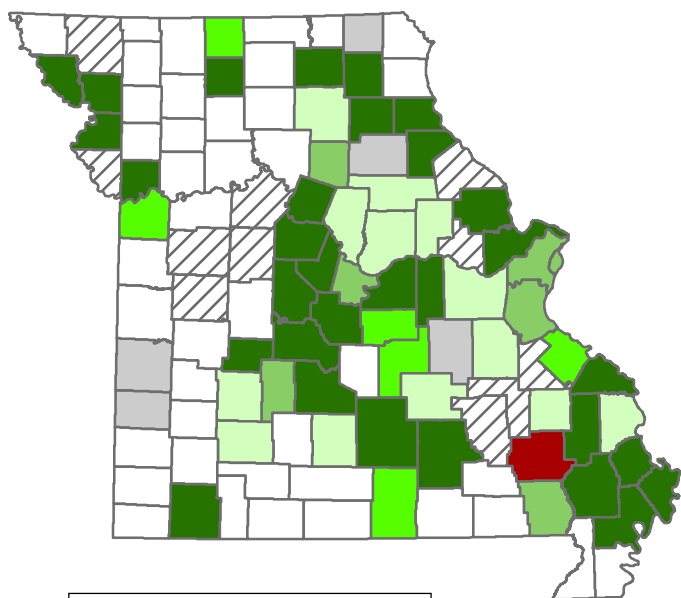
Two have an A/Korea/770/2002-like (H3N2) antigenic profile, which is the reference strain for the A/Fujian/411/2002-like virus currently in circulation. The current vaccine offers some cross-protective immunity and reduces the severity of influenza illness.

Sources of Data: Laboratory-confirmed cases are reported to DHSS through the passive communicable disease surveillance system. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html. National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.

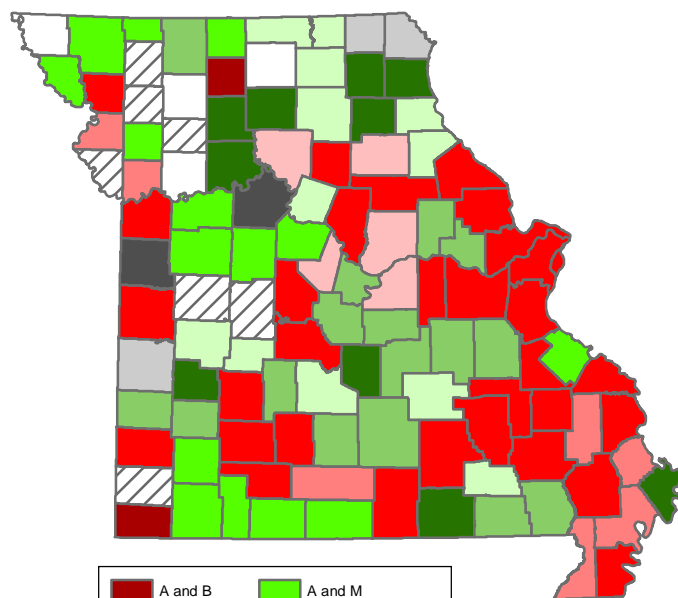
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.

Influenza Season 2003-04, Missouri by County
Confirmed Influenza, Type A, B, or A/B Undifferentiated
Week 52, Ending December 27, 2003



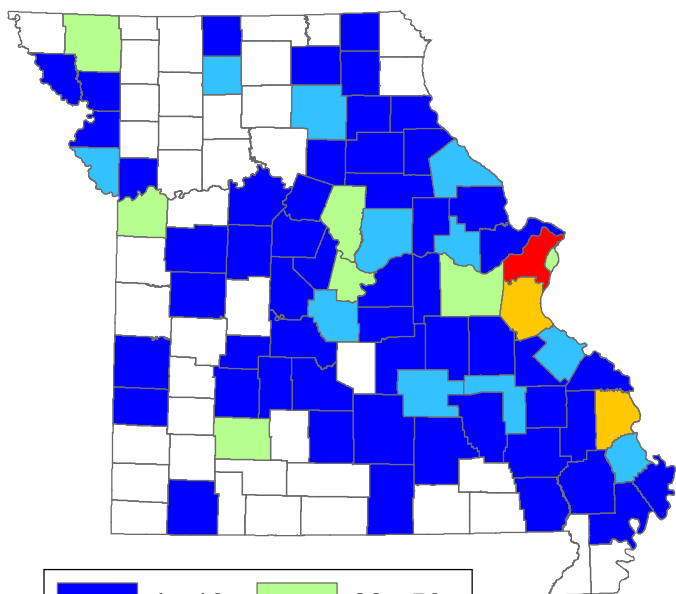
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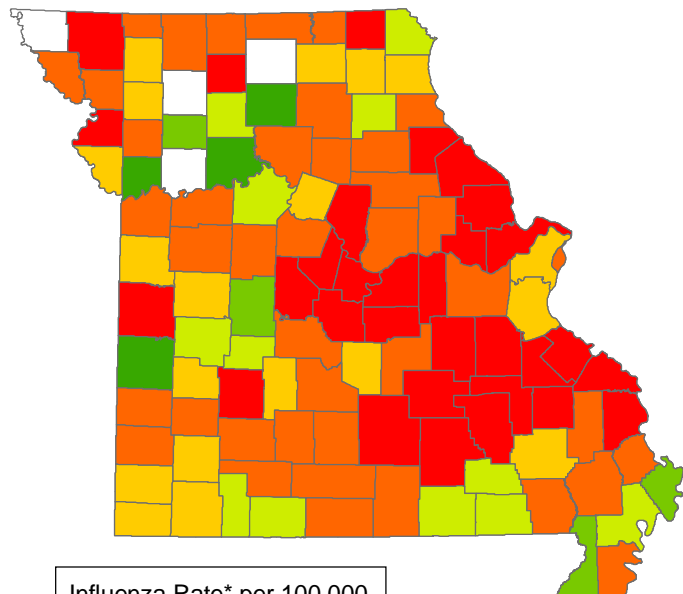


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Influenza Season 2003-04, Missouri by County
Confirmed Influenza, Number of Reported Cases, All Types,
Week 52, Ending December 27, 2003



Influenza Season 2003-04, Missouri by County
Confirmed Influenza, Rate of Reported Cases, All Types,
Season-to-Date, Ending December 27, 2003



Influenza Rate* per 100,000

* Rates derived from Census 2000 population figures